THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) According to the information available with Government, methyl bromide is a broad spectrum pesticide which is used worldwide for soil fumigation (80%), commodity and qurantine treatment (15%) and structural fumigation (5%). Scientific evidence, as reported, indicates that some methyl bromide breaks down into non-volatile substances which do not have emissions. Thus only part of methyl bromide use results in emissions that arise into the stratosphere thereby affecting the ozone layer.

The final report on the impact of methyl bromide on the ozone layer is to be completed by September, 1994 and the situation will be reassessed by the Montreal Protocol Ministerial level meeting in November, 1994.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Under the Montreal Protocol Methyl Bromide is not a controlled substance for developing countries.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Banning Trade in Tiger Bones

*411. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:

DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for banning trade in tiger bones and other parts, of tiger body, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Goverment are considering any proposal for Indo-Chinese protocol for ratification for tiger conservation, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government envisage any problem in the acceptance of this protocol, if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The trade in tiger bones and other parts of tiger body is already banned in this country.

(b) Yes Sir, to stop the illegal trade in tiger parts and tiger bones and also to engender worldwide publicity for eliminating such consumptive use of tiger products.

(c) No, Sir.

Development Plan for Western Railways

*412. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what are the scheme wise details of Railway Development Plan for Western Railways convering Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan for the current year and the Eighth Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):

Details of on going Western Railway works costing Rs. 5 Crores and above in the states of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra are as under:

S. No.	Name of the work	Estimated Cost	Allocation 1993-94	Targat Date of completion
	Gujarat			
1.	Nadiad-Modassa & Modassa-Kapadvanj new line (60.5 Km.)	Rs. 30.00 Cr.	Rs. 1,000	Frozen
2.	Godhara-Indore via Dahod, Sardarpur, Dhar and between Dewas-Maksi new Line (316 Km.) (part in Gujarat)	Rs. 297.14 Cr.	Rs. 1.00 Cr.	31-12-96 for Dewas-Maksi portion
3.	Viramgam-Jodhpur direct BG rail link & Bhildi-Viramgam gauge conversion & new line.	Rs. 155.66 Cr.	Rs. 0.33 Cr.	Frozen

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Estimated cost	Allocation 1993-94	Target date of completion
4.	Phulera-Marwar-Ahemedabad Gauge Conversion. (part in Gujarat)	Rs. 280.00 Cr.	Rs. 15.00 Cr.	31-3-96
5.	Anas Bridge, Panchpiplia Tunnel & Mahi Bridge-3 Single stretches doubling. (part in Gujarat)	Rs. 11.05 Cr.	Rs. 0.26 Cr.	30-6-94
6.	Vasad 'A'-Vasad-Mahi Bridge No. 624 doubling.	Rs. 6.97 Cr.	Rs. 0.17 Cr.	30-9-93
7.	Dahod electric locomotive rehabilitation facilities.	Rs. 20.00 Cr.	Rs. 1.73 Cr.	31-3-95
8.	Sabarmati-Gandhinagar electrification (part of Bhopal-Nagda work)	Rs. 105.76 Cr.	Rs. 21.42 Cr.	31-3-94
9.	Udhna-Jalgaon Line Capacity (part in Gujarat)	Rs. 13.84 Cr.	Rs. 2.00 Cr.	31-12-93
10.	Ahemedabad-Abu Road microwave communucation (phase I) (part in Gujarat)	Rs. 6.25 Cr.	Rs. 0.80 Cr.	30-9-93
11.	Virar-Vadodra panel interlocking and solid state interlocking. (part in Gujarat)	Rs. 7.83 Cr.	Rs. 3.46 Cr.	31-3-95
12.	Mahalaxmi-Ahemedabad analogue microwave link by MBs digital. (part in Gujarat)	Rs. 22.49 Cr.	Rs. 3.50 Cr.	31-3-96
13.	Vadodra-Ratlam analogue microwave system by digital microwave system MBPs capacity. (part in Gujarat)	Rs. 11.50 Cr.	Rs. 2.00 Cr.	31-3-96
14.	Pratapnagar-Central Depot for POH and tank wagons.	Rs. 8.00 Cr.	Rs. 1.25 Cr.	31-12-95
15.	Vatava-ROH and expansion of maintenance facilities for air braked wagons.	Rs. 5.92 Cr.	Rs. 1.59 Cr.	30-6-94
	Rajasthan			
1.	Viramgam-Jodhpur direct BG rail link & Bhildi-Viramgam gauge conversion/new line. (part in Rajasthan).	Rs. 155.66 Cr.	Rs. 0.33 Cr.	Frozen
2.	Agra-Barmer/Jaisalmer (Ph. I) Direct BG rail link and conversion of Savai Madhopur-Jaipur and parallel BG line from Jaipur to Phulera.	Rs. 133.04 Cr.	Rs. 32.00 Cr.	31-10-93
3.	Rewari-Jaipur Gauge Conversion.	Rs. 106.31 Cr.	Rs. 85.00 Cr.	31-3-94
4.	Phulera-Marwar-Ahemedabad Gauge Conversion. (part in Rajasthan).	Rs. 280.00 Cr.	Rs. 15.00 Cr.	31-3-96
5.	Jaipur-Ajmer extension of microwave link.	Rs. 5.10 Cr.	Rs. 0.60 Cr.	since commissioned.
6.	Ahemedabad-Abu Road microwave communication (phase I) (part in Rajasthan).	Rs. 6.25 Cr.	Rs. 0.80 Cr.	30-9-93
7.	Abu Road-Ajmer microwave communication (Ph. II).	Rs. 6.38 Cr.	Rs. 0.65 Cr.	30-6-94

Sl. No.	Name of the work	Estimated cost	Allocation 1993-94	Target date of completion
8.	Kota modernisation of wagon workshop.	Rs. 27.44 Cr.	Rs. 7.00 Cr.	31-3-96
9.	Tundla-Agra-Bayana electrification (part in Rajasthan).	Rs. 39.21 Cr.	Rs. 0.20 Cr.	completed
10.	Nagada-Kota-Axle counters on loop lines and phase II track circuiting. (part in Rajasthan)	Rs. 6.07 Cr.	Rs. 1.00 Cr.	31-3-94
	Maharashtra			
1.	Bandra-terminal facilities (phase I).	Rs. 14.00 Cr.	Rs. 1.20 Cr.	31-12-93
2.	Udhna-Jalgaon line capacity work (part in Maharashtra).	Rs. 13.84 Cr.	Rs. 2.00	31-12-93
3.	Mahalaxmi-Ahemedabad analogue micro-wave link by MBs digital (part in Maharashtra).	Rs. 22.49 Cr.	Rs. 3.50 Cr.	31-3-96
4.	Naigaon traction sub station.	Rs. 6.46 Cr.	Rs. 4.79 Cr.	31-3-95
5.	Bombay Suburban-22 KV cables at critical locations.	Rs. 5.19 Cr.	Rs. 1.57 Cr.	31-3-95
6.	Marine Lines-Traction sub station.	Rs. 9.35 Cr.	Rs. 0.05 Cr.	31-3-98
7.	Bombay Local-2.2 KV station cubicles/ equipment and augmentation of transformer capacity.	Rs. 6.52 Cr.	Rs. 1.00 Cr.	31-3-96
8.	Andheri-Bandra additional pair of lines.	Rs. 61.43 Cr.	Rs. 14.00 Cr.	31-12-93
9.	Virar-Vadodra panel interlocking and solid state interlocking (part in Maharashtra).	Rs. 7.38 Cr.	Rs. 3.46 Cr.	31-3-95

Tie-ups with Foreign Food Processing Companies

*413. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Government have decided that State Governments would hence forth be free to enter into industrial tie-ups with foreign food processing companies: and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI) : (a) and (b) State Governments are free to decide regarding tie-ups of their undertakings with foreign food processing companies within the framework of the new Industrial Policy of July, 1991 and the procedures laid down for it.

Supply of Natural Gas to A. P.

*414. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal from Government of Andhra Pradesh for laying of pipeline to Southern region for the supply of natural gas; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and at what stage of consideration is the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) The concept of laying a gas pipeline from the Western Offshore to the Southern region has been approved in principle. The proposal envisages the use of surplus gas from the Western Offshore. This is also proposed to be supplemented by imported LNG and possibly